MR. D GAINNEOS : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The proposal has been ordered to lie over.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : May I know why the proposal was ordered to lie over ?

MR. D. GAINNEOS : Because it was found that the expenditure would exceed the receipts. So it was ordered to lie over.

Patients treated in the Vizhinjam Hospital.

384 * MR. MURUKKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN (*Neyyattinkara cum Trivandrum*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of patients treated during the years 1113, 1114 and 1115 in the Vizhinjam Hospital in the Neyyattinkara taluk ;

(*b*) whether any representation has been received that a suitable building be constructed by Government for housing the Hospital ; and

(*c*) if so, what action has been taken on that ?

RAJYASEVA PRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR :

(*a*)	*1113*	*1114*	*1115*
In-patients	30	118	128
Out-patients	17,456	18,500	16,134
Total	17,486	18,618	16,262

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) It was pointed out that the dispensary at Vizhinjam was opened on the express condition that the public of Vizhinjam should provide the necessary building with furniture free of charge and that they must either put up a building themselves or provide some other rent-free building for the dispensary, as they have been doing so far, and keep it in good repair.

MR. MURUKKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN : May I know whether from the figures relating to the number of patients attended in the Hospital Government are convinced of the fact a more spacious building for the hospital is indispensable at that locality ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : The opening of a hospital was sanctioned on the distinct understanding that the people of the locality would put up the building for the purpose or provide some other rent free building.

MR. MURUKKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN : May I know whether the Government are aware of the fact that the majority of the people residing at Vizhinjam are poor ?

PRESIDENT : It has been discovered now that people in a particular locality write to Government offering to pay half the amount, whatever it is, if they would construct a road or a building in that locality. As soon as the work is started they decline to play their part. Similarly persons who have not got enough finance for some enterprise come forward with the suggestions that they would start a scheme roads in

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commemoration of the Shashtiabdapurthi of the Dewan and so Government should bear half the cost. A circular has been issued that no more Shashtiabdapurthi memorials would be tolerated. In these undertakings the persons first of all make the request that they would bear half the cost and then ask Government to pay the whole. I think these people should be taught a lesson.

MR. MURUKKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN: Sir, 15 years ago the people of that locality were in affluent circumstances. Now due to the economic depression they are not able to put by anything. Therefore they made the request to Government.

MR. RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: It would be enough if a rent-free building is provided.

Declaration as Gazetted Officers.

385 *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Co-operative Inspectors, Forest Range Officers and the P. W. D. Section Officers have been declared as gazetted officers; and

(*b*) the action so far taken in the matter?

MR. S. SUNDARARAJAN: (*a*) the answer is in the negative.

(*b*) Government have considered the question in all its aspects and have come to the decision that these officers need not be declared as gazetted.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, the Conservator of Forests and the Chief Engineer are not favourable for such a declaration?

PRESIDENT: As they have too many gazetted officers already, Government have come to the conclusion that they will not have any more.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Is there any proposal to reduce the number of the existing gazetted officers?

PRESIDENT: There is an attempt to reduce the number and that process is going on.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the Government, whether they will consider the question of declaring certain other important Officers as Gazetted Officers?

MR. S. SUNDARARAJAN: Government propose to lay down certain general principles and Officers who comply with the principles would be declared as Gazetted Officers.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the Government whether these officers are, according to the present rules, competent to be declared as Gazetted Officers?

MR. S. SUNDARARAJAN: No. Sir. Their salary does not come to Rs. 125.

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